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Finance Committee Minutes 04-17-04

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 4/17/04

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Feinleib*	O'Riordan*	O'Neill	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrisette	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager Brian Sullivan, Deputy Town Manager Nancy Galkowski, Paul Bayer

MINUTES of 4/14 approved. Unanimous

BUD 16 PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works SubCom (Olsen) recommended an additional \$35k reduction to account for the latest information on the trash collection contracts. VOTED \$6194005. Unanimous.

W&S EF: W&S Investigation SubCom (O'Riordan) reported that after a review of the Town's accounts, the funds borrowed for capital improvements were spent properly. The balance in the fund has been expended on larger than normal charges within PW. He provided a handout which summarizes revenue & expenses and equity from FY01 through FY05 (budgeted). VOTED Expenses \$13,394,166, Revenue \$14,236,818, Balance \$842,652. Unanimous.

BUD 21d COA: Human Resources SubCom (Deyst) reported that a State grant was lost in FY04 and the funding was made up from the General Fund by vote of Twn Mtg. This was left out of the budget request by mistake. Galkowski will verify this explanation. VOTED \$111894 with authority granted the Chair to reduce if necessary. Unanimous.

BALANCING THE BUDGET Sullivan provided a handout showing how the deficit of \$800k, according to the Chair's spread sheet of 4/16, would be handled. He predicts \$50k from Symmes permits, requests \$100,000 from the FY04 Reserve Fund for the snow deficit, estimates \$250k new fund from the State to the schools for SPED & METCO, expects \$250k unused funds from the schools in FY04, and \$150k from the Town (mostly from street lights). An extensive Q&A session followed. Some members doubtful that the schools agreed.

VOTED to enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining. Unanimous roll call vote.

VOTED to leave executive session. Unanimous roll call vote.

VOTED to transfer \$60k from Reserve Fund to PW to cover the snow & ice deficit. Unanimous.

VOTED to reduce the Education Budget by \$250k to account for additional State aid. Unanimous.

VOTED to use the \$400k FY04 surplus identified by the Manager to fund ART 72 Future Collective Bargaining Reserve. 14-1

ART 72 FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: VOTED \$2,250,000 less \$400k from FY04. 14-1. Maher to review wording to assure conformance w/ State Law.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$386,600 - \$60,000 = \$326,600

COMMITTEE: No mtgs planned for next week. All comments on Draft Report & Budgets due Thursday 4/22. Wrapup dinner planned for Monday 6/21. DuBois & Fanning to find a restaurant.

Peter B Howard, Secretary, 4/19/04

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Library file, Town Manager, Town Web Site

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote/assigned to BOS
1	2/18	2/18	9995	Unanimous	15	2/9			BOS
2	3/29, 3/22	3/29	346565	Unanimous	28				BOS
3	3/1	3/1	330845	Unanimous	29		4/14		No report Unanimous
4	3/10	3/10	142185	Unanimous	30	2/18	2/18		support BOS Unanimous
5	2/23	2/23	785101	Unanimous	44	3/10, 31	3/31	1300000	13-1
6	2/23	2/23	549140	Unanimous	45	2/23, 3/1	3/31		no action Unanimous
7	2/23	2/23	124512	Unanimous	47				
8	3/22	3/22	265596	Unanimous	48	3/17	3/17		BOS to report
9	2/18	2/18	705026	Unanimous	49	2/2	2/4		favorable action Unanimous
10	3/1	3/1	197481	Unanimous	50	2/2	2/4		Sup BOS, no action 13-1
11	3/13, 1/7	3/17	53987	Unanimous	51	2/2	4/14		no report Unanimous
12	2/23	2/23	73871	Unanimous	52				Budgets
13	2/18	2/18	166919	Unanimous	53	3/22	3/22	2140851	Unanimous
14	2/18	2/18	391895	Unanimous	54	3/10	3/10	12067	Unanimous
15	2/18, 23	2/23	20887	Unanimous	55	3/10	3/10		Same as FY04 Unanimous
16	3/1	3/1, 4/14, 4/17	6194005	Unanimous	56	3/10	3/10	48848	Unanimous
17a	2/23	2/23	302851	Unanimous	57	3/15, 3/29	3/29, 4/14	6307130	Unanimous
17b	2/23	2/23	4330026	12-2	58	2/8	3/31		no action Unanimous
17c	3/15	3/15	4533811	Unanimous	59	3/13, 1	4/14	\$7ED	Unanimous
17d	3/15	3/15, 3/29	628358	9-4	60	3/1	3/31		up to \$12m. Unanimous
18a	2/23	2/23	301606	Unanimous	61	2/4	3/31		no action Unanimous
18b	2/23, 3/1	3/17, 4/14	230000	Unanimous	62	3/10	4/14	370425	Unanimous
19	3/8	3/29, 4/17	30891387	11-2, 14-1	63	3/10	4/14	700000	Unanimous
20	3/17	3/17	1510638	Unanimous	64	2/4	2/4		favorable action Unanimous
21a	3/1	3/1	114115	Unanimous	65	3/10			Report at TM Raises
21b	3/1	3/1	139007	Unanimous	66	3/10			Report at TM Raises
21c	3/1	3/1	171938	Unanimous	67	3/10			Report at TM Raises
21d	4/17	4/17	111894	Unanimous	68	3/10			Report at TM Raises
22/23	2/23	2/23	6107184	Unanimous	69	3/10			Report at TM Raises
25	3/10, 3/17	3/10, 3/17	10805631	Unanimous	70	3/10			Report at TM Raises
26	3/29	3/29	300000	Unanimous	71	3/10			Report at TM Raises
WS	3/31	4/17	(842652)	Unanimous	72	3/10	3/29, 4/17	1291025, 2520000	11-2, 14-1
Rec	3/13, 1	4/12	3937	Unanimous	73	3/10			Report at TM Raises
Rnk	3/31	3/31	13421	Unanimous	74	3/10, 31	3/31, 4/14	5540	Unanimous
COA	3/1	3/1	2649	Unanimous	75	2/4	3/31		no action Unanimous
YS	3/1	3/1	169080	Unanimous	76	2/18	3/10, 3/15		No action Unanimous
					77	3/17	3/17		No action Unanimous
					78	3/15, 4/12	4/14		no report Unanimous
ART					79	3/17	3/17		No action Unanimous
86	3/10	3/10	211572	Unanimous	80	2/9, 4/12	4/14		No action 11-1
87		4/14	2489100	Unanimous	81	2/9, 4/12	4/14		No action 9-0
88		4/14	No action	Unanimous	82	2/9, 4/12	4/14		No action 11-0
89	3/31	3/31	500000	Unanimous	83	3/10	3/10		No report Unanimous
90	3/31	3/31	no action	Unanimous	84	3/10	3/10		No report Unanimous
91	3/31	3/31	1414803	Unanimous	85	3/10	3/10		No action Unanimous